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GERTRUDE SCOTT GIRDNER, NON-INDIAN

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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; LIVED AMONG THE  
CHEROKEES; HAS LIVED IN HER PRESENT HOME FOR  
MOST OF HER LIFE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND

TAUGHT BY INDIAN HOW TO MAKE CHILI

FAMILY - EMPLOYMENT

FATHER BUILDS HOUSE

VACATION BY WAGON

HELPED WITH HARVEST

FATHER BUILT SEVERAL HOUSES

WEDDING - MOVE TO PORTER

FAMILY VISITS - HUSBAND WAS FARMER

MRS. GIRDNER HAS ONE CHILD

PRODUCTS OF THE FARM

RECALLS FARM WHERE HOUSES ARE NOW BUILT

PICKING COTTON AND FOOD PREPARATION

HULBERT'S POPULATION DECREASED WHEN FARM PROGRAM STARTED

DEPRESSION - WELFARE

MAINTAINED HOME AND FARM AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND

MAKES CROCHETED RAG RUGS

ADEPT AT KILLING SNAKES

HUSBAND DIED OF HEART ATTACK

NATIONALITY MOSTLY IRISH

EDUCATION

MOTHER DISAPPROVED OF ASSOCIATION WITH INDIANS

DRINKING PROBLEMS OF INDIANS IN HULBERT

RAILROAD IN HULBERT AT ONE TIME

SALE BARN OLDEST BUILDING IN TOWN

INDIAN FAMILIES IN HULBERT

HOTELS

HAS MADE "MOONSHINE LIQUOR" AT HOME

DISCIPLINE STRICT WHEN YOUNG

WELFARE PROGRAM BAD FOR YOUNGER GENERATION

FARMING - NO SUBSIDY THEN

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MANY YEARS

SMALL COLORED BOY SMARTEST IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

COLORED PEOPLE UNWELCOME AT BAPTIST CHURCH

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT

Gertrude Scott (Granny) Girdner is 77 years old. She was born in Missouri near the Arkansas border and moved to Hulbert when she was about 15 years old. After her marriage, she lived in Porter for several years, but moved back to Hulbert where she has lived for many years.